

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Pelrine et al.
Serial No.: 09/810,919
Filing Date: March 16, 2001
Examiner: Sines, Brian J.
Group Art Unit: 1743
Confirmation No. 7145
For: MICROLABORATORY DEVICES AND METHODS

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. §132, effective on May 29, 2000,
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application,
filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

**Mail Stop RCE
Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.

Note: 37 C.F.R. §1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114**

- ☒ Enclosed
- ☒ An Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
 - ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement, Form PTO-1449 and copies of all cited references.
 - ☒ Check in the amount of \$385.00 covering fee due.

2. **Miscellaneous**

- ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of ____ months.

(Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) required)

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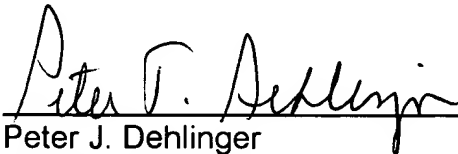
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3. **Fees** *The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. §1.114 when RCE is filed.*

- ☒ A check in the amount of \$385.00 is enclosed to cover the following fees
 - ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR §1.17(e) - \$385.00
- ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment in fees (or credit any overpayments) to Deposit Account No. 50-2207.

Respectfully submitted,

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Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Sir:

This amendment is in response to the Notice of Allowance mailed February 11 2004 in the above-identified application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.